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The Free Lance

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1902.

Thoughts on the Island of Cuba.

In a neighboring city there is a young man whose name is Carr. Carr is deeply smitten with the charms of a young woman who resides with her mother in a pretty villa near Sandlake, on the line of the Troy and New England railroad. He asked permission of his in-laws to call upon her at her home, and the young woman accorded him the privilege. Mr. Carr reached the villa where his Juliet resided and pressed the electric button at the door. The ring was answered by the mother of the young woman. The latter had never seen the young man. "I'm Mr. Carr," he said, bowing profoundly. "I'm—er—well," was the reply which staggered him, "you may sit on the stoop until one comes along."

Five minutes later the daughter told her mother she expected a caller and asked who had rung the bell. She was informed that there was a young man sitting on the stoop who had nuzzled a ear. The daughter looked through the blinds and saw her lover perched disconsolately on the steps. He was quickly within the portals and mutual explanations followed.—Albany Press and Knickerbocker.

The Verdict of a Jury.

"Nothing is more uncertain than the action of a jury," said a lawyer prominent in New York. "I remember a story my father told me when I was a boy in Alabama. The story was of a Satanist majesty and a plain citizen who met one day on a narrow pathway cut in the edge of a cliff. On the other side yawned a precipice; on the other side was the solid rock. There was only room for one to pass, and of these two one must lie down and let the other walk over him."

"If you'll propound three questions I can't answer," suggested Satan, "I'll lie down and let you pass over my body." The citizen asked:
"What is whiter than snow?"
"Cotton," was the answer.
"What is sweeter than sugar?"
"That's easy again—molasses."
"What will be the next verdict rendered in this county by a petit jury?"
"Pass on your way," said the devil as he made a carpet of himself.

Catgut From Silkworms.

Probably but a small percentage of the fishermen who use flies strung with fine translucent catgut are aware that the almost unbreakable substance that holds the hooks against the fiercest struggles of the struck fish comes from silkworms. The principal center of the manufacture of this kind of catgut is the island of Procida, in the bay of Naples, but most of the silkworms employed are raised near Torre Annunziata, at the foot of Vesuvius. The caterpillars are killed just as they are about to begin the spinning of cocoons; the silk glands are removed and subjected to a process of pickling, which is a secret of the trade, and afterward the threads are carefully drawn out by skilled workers, mostly women. The length of the thread varies from a foot to nearly twenty inches.

Turcoman Brides.

When a Turcoman belle is to be settled in life, the whole tribe turns out, and the young lady, being allowed the choice of horses, gallops away from her suitors. She avoids those she dislikes and seeks to throw herself in the way of the object of her affections. The moment she is caught she becomes the wife of her captor, who, dispensing with further ceremony, takes her to his tent.

The bride race is also an established custom among the Kalucks, and the girls are such excellent horsewomen that, we are told, it would be impossible to catch one against her will.—London Standard.

Boss Your Boss.

Boss your boss just as soon as you can. Try it on early. There is nothing he will like so well if he is the right kind of boss. If he is not, he is not the man for you to remain with. Leave him whenever you can, even at a present sacrifice, and find one capable of discerning genius. Our young partners in Carnegie Bros. won their spurs by showing that we did not know half as well what was wanted as they did.—Carnegie's "Empire of Business."

Had to Swallow Many Things.

An amusing anecdote is related of the late Hungarian statesman Tisza, who when one day dining at the Hofburg with the Austrian emperor placed a large pear upon his plate at dessert. The emperor remarked to his minister that cold fruit after a hot dinner was injurious to the digestion. Tisza replied, "The stomach of a Hungarian premier, your majesty, is obliged to be a strong one."

Nothing Remarkable.

Mrs. Grumpp (looking up from the paper)—A brother and sister who had not seen each other for sixteen years met accidentally the other day. Mr. Grumpp—Huh! A brother and sister seldom meet any other way.

The Professor.

"The easiest title in the world to honestly acquire," said the tobaccoist to the wooden Indian, "is that of professor, for isn't any man who professes to be a professor necessarily a professor?"—Syracuse Herald.

He Did It.

Teacher—No one can arrest the flight of time.
Pupil—Well, as I was coming to school this morning I stopped two minutes.—Detroit Free Press.

As Good as Any One There.

Brown—Were you the best man at Hobson's wedding?
Green—No, I guess not, but I was just as good as any man there.—Chicago News.

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Nicaragua, if There is a Canal.

The construction of the transisthmian waterway through the productive country of Nicaragua means to that country an opening up of its latent resources, immigration and improved transportation facilities. The construction of the canal will draw thousands of foreigners to the country, both capitalists and labor, and it requires no stretch of the imagination to see this increasing population spreading over the adjacent country both to the north and to the south and settling on the lands which can be had for the asking. Where there are now only dense forests, silvery lakes, rushing mountain streams and silent prairies with tall, waving grass there will spring up towns and villages, plantations and farms, and a new geographical and commercial center of the western hemisphere.—Outlook.

Oxford and American Students.

Oxford is far from being the most progressive of the world's colleges. It is the intellectual center of all that is undemocratic. It is the bulwark of the monarchical system, the defender of the British aristocracy, the foe of religious freedom. It is absurd to suppose that this ancient institution, with its 3,000 students, will be much affected by the influx of a hundred callow American boys. On the contrary, the stamp that Oxford will put upon its American students will, we sincerely believe, render them unfit for a useful career as citizens of the United States. A postgraduate course in Europe may be all right, but a British education for an American life is not.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Florida Everglades.

Scientists claim that the soil of the everglades in Florida is the richest in the world and would, if drained, produce marvelous crops of nearly anything planted. It is proposed to reclaim this immense tract, which covers nearly 4,000 square miles, by building drainage canals to take off the water and at the same time serve as a means of transportation between plantations. Contrary to the general belief, the everglades are healthful, the water is sweet and pure, and there is almost a total absence of fevers and epidemic diseases.

Madagascar's Two Climates.

The island of Madagascar has two distinct climates, two classes of natives and two classes of fauna and flora. The island is about the size of France. Along the coast it is tropical and malarious, and the natives are darker than in the interior. The interior is a high tableland and mountainous. There the climate is cooler and the natives smaller and lighter in color than on the coast. But in the interior they are more intelligent, and they rule the island.

He Was Sorry.

"A man just called, doctor, an ugly fellow, who asked if you were in and said he wanted to give you a horse-whipping."
"Well, and what did you tell him?"
"I said I was extremely sorry, but you were not at home!"—Der Dorfbarbier.

A Good Housekeeper.

Wife—Arthur, we'll have to go with out breakfast this morning.
Arthur—Why?
Wife—The cook's sick.—Woman's Home Companion.

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